** MMMonVHF Newsletter / No.3 - WEEK 03/2012 **

Hallo dear MMMonVHF friends,

please find below our latest NEWSLETTER from the VHF-DX-Portal
"Make More Miles on VHF" (www.MMMonVHF.de), dated 2012-01-18
We attempt to distribute our Newsletter, once a week (thursday)
from now on - if any special activities will make it necessary
we will inform you with Breaking News or a Special NL-Edition.
For further detail please be so kind and watch our "News"-page
http://www.mmmonvhf.de/latest.php - you are welcome for any
input and we hope you will enjoy the VHF-DX-Portal MMMonVHF!

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Latest NEWS and INFO for the NEWSLETTER
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** MMMonVHF Trophy: "Best VHF DX Expedition" of the Year 2011 **

The MMMonVHF VHF-DX-Portal is happy to invite all VHF enthusiasts
and VHF-DX'ers to join the new survey to identify the "The Best
VHF DX Expedition of the Year 2011". The aim of the survey is to
thank the very hard efforts of those who organized and carried out
so many nice expeditions and trips all around the world on the
VHF bands in the past year 2011. Participation period: 01. January to
31 December - Voting period: 01. January 2012 - 21. January 2012 :
Persons or Groups who organized and carried out some kind of exped.
in the 144 MHz band segment via Meteor Scatter or Earth-Moon-Earth
propagation. Expeditions / Activities have had to be spread out on
the VHF-DX-Portal Make More Miles on VHF in the year 2011 and
must have found their way into the "REVIEW" section of MMMonVHF.
You will be able to vote by selecting a maximum of 5 expeditions
alltogether in TWO categories (MS and EME) by ticking the box
in front of the expeditions. The voting page will be available by
direct link at http://www.mmmonvhf.de/voting.php from up 1 st of
January 2012 until 21 st of January 2012. Results in February 2012.
SOURCE: Jani, HA5CRX, on behalf of the MMMonVHF Team

** Atleticoteam goes Africa, 144 Mhz & 430 Mhz EME **

Hi Folks!
As you already know Atletico-team surprises us each year
with one ormore EME DX-peditions. Remember: PJ4EME 2007,
JW5E 2008, 5Z4EME 2009 (awarded by MMM readers as "Best VHF DX
Expedition" of the year 2009), 3B8EME 2010 (awarded by MMM readers
as "Best VHF DX Expedition" of the year 2010),C56EME 2011 (worldrecord
144 MHz EME with 361 QSO's!) PJ4X 2011, PJ2/PE1L 2011.
Well, there are serious plans that Rene PE1L and Eltje PA3CEE will
travel back to Africa again this year!
Africa came into our blood, there is no other way than to return...
and return... and return...
We start with revealing just a bit of our plans: Our goal is big grid KJ.
Right! Deep in the heart of Africa. But where? What entity? More
details will be revealed later. There must be something left now to
guess.
We'll keep you informed!

SOURCE: Rene PE1L via Moonnet

** To: MAP65 users **

If you are a regular user of MAP65, I invite you to try an all-new
version of the program, MAP65 2.0. Background information, details
about its new features, and installation instructions are described in a
document posted at

http://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/K1JT/Beta_Release_of_MAP65_2.0.pdf

If you try this beta release of MAP65 2.0, please provide feedback to
this list, or by email direct to me. Future users of the program will
surely benefit from your comments, suggestions, and bug reports.

Latest news:
A new revision of the beta release of MAP65 2.0 has been posted at

http://www.physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/K1JT/MAP65_199r429.exe

(If you need instruction about what is different about MAP65 2.0, and
how to install it, go to
http://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/K1JT/Beta_Release_of_MAP65_2.0.pdf)

SOURCE: Joe K1JT via Moonnet

** PSK2k, new meteorscatter software available **

Those who are regular visitors of the ON4KST-chat or the DX-cluster will
have noticed that there are stations that are using a new software for
meteorscatter (or weak signal QSO's) called PSk2k and found a place around
144.360 MHz.

The software is still in a deveopment state but can be used already and
succesfull QSO's are reported in tropo and MS.

Author of this piece of software is Klaus, DJ5HG. The software is an avanced
digital mode for meteorscatter with secure communication by Error Correcting
and Error Correcting Codes. It features Auto-Modes for automatic QSO's and
is replying automatic to received calls. The program can operate in paral-
lel to WSJT on the same PC on the same soundcard, however the processor-
load can be heavy so only at newer types of PC's.

The program will need MATLAB (MCR) installed on your PC and before installing
and running PSK2k the use of the tool MCR_test is advised.

Software can be downloaded on the downloadpage from DJ5HG at the URL
http://dj5hg.de/dj5hg_download.html

Before installing the software is highly recomended to read the
manual as setting up the software is taking more time and you need some
things to get it running.

A PSK2k User Group was founded on Jan. 7th at the group can be found
on URL http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/psk2k/ . Reading the posts
on the User pages is usefull. You can also find a tool in the section files called
testaudio.zip . As setting up the RX/TX audio is not so easy as in WSJT, this tool
will help you. Founder of the User group is Roger, GW4WND.

Remember, the software is still in development so not everything is per-
fect yet. Feedback is welcome. And remember...the way of decoding is
different than FSK441 in WSJT where you were able to decode als signals and
partial messages. PSK2k will decode it all or nothing and only what is general
or for your eyes only....you will not be able to decode signals that are
for other stations.

SOURCE: DJ5HG and the PSk2k User Group

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HOT 144 MHz MS & EME DX-PEDITION NEWS - Pse do use:
http://www.mmmonvhf.de/latest.php
and use the FILTER for your personal wishes!
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** FG4KH on 144 MHz April 12th to April 26th **

FG4KH (FK96) is annouced to be QRV on 144 MHz in the period between April 12
and April 26 2012. Further details are on URL
http://fgdxpeditionf1duz.monsite-orange.fr/

The 432 MHz expedition ended and QSL's will be send when ready.

SOURCE: Philippe, F1DUZ, to Moon-Net, Jan. 18th.

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** UT1FG/MM **

Yuri, UT1FG, who is traveling across the Atlantic Ocean and is activating
"Wet Grids", has been reported last week (Jan. 11-Jan. 18) in the JO55 area.
He has been on 144 MHz SSB and on satellite.If you need wet squares next week
might be your chance.

** Conway Reef, 3D2C **

3D2C, CONWAY REEF. Operators Hrane/YT1AD (Team leader), David/K3LP
(Technical Co-leader), Aleksey/UA4HOX (Organization Co-leader), Paul/
N6PSE (PR), Atilano/PY5EG, Vasily/RW4NW, David/WD5COV, Carlos/EA1IR,
Joe/AA4NN, David/AH6HY, Alan/AD6E, Gabriele/I2VGW and Alan/K6SRZ (Medical
Doctor) and possibly two others (spots are open!) will be active as 3D2C
from Conway Reef (OC-112) between September 25th and October 6th. Most
of these operators were active from Rotuma as 3D2R last year. Activity
will be on 160-2 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, SSTV and PSK31.
The 3D2C team will be active from Conway Reef on 2m and 6 EME using
WSJT65 (A,B,C) on 50.375 MHz and 144.375 MHz. A 6 meter beacon will be
active on 50.095 MHz. QSL via YT1AD, direct (w/SAE or SASE + 1 USD for
normal postage, 2 USDs for Airmail) or by the Bureau. For more details
and updates, visit the 3D2C Web page at: http://www.yt1ad.info/3d2c/index.html

SOURCE: Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin #1045

**Maladives, 8Q **

8Q, MALDIVES (Date Change). Operators Bert/CX3AN and Mario/CX4CR will be active as 8Q7HU from Maafushi Island, Kaafu Atoll (AS-013), between February 6-15th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. There will be a special emphasis on South America.

SOURCE: Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin #1045

** Malpelo Island, HK0NA **

HK0NA DXPEDITION (Latest News Dated January 12th). The following press release is from the HK0NA Web page [edited]: "The 'Fabulous Four' (Faber/ HK6F, Jim/HK1N, Bolmar/HK1MW and Salim/HK1T) advance team continue their work of building the infrastructure for HK0NA with emphasis shifting now to OP. A (top of the mountain). And ..in their spare time making some QSOs with the deserving.
Of course, we are hearing from a small minority that they are doing everything wrong and not listening here or there or whatever. May we suggest to you and everyone be patient, and remember that 16 more operators will be there the morning of the 21st for up to 17 days.
Yesterday the DXCC desk confirmed that QSOs made by the advance team, when they used their individual calls, will count for DXCC purposes. Those logs will not be available until after the DXpedition concludes. May we suggest that you work HK0NA also.
We intend to upload the HK0NA logs to ClubLog soon after the arrival of the main operating team. Don't bother checking the 'Log Online' until then.
Lastly, our volunteer pilots kindly request that you not contact them until after the main operation begins! .... Thanks to all!"
ADDED NOTE: Some pictures are now available and can be viewed on the HK0NA Web page under "Camp Setup". For more details and updates, visit:
http://hk0na.com
LATEST MINUTE UPDATE: The HK0NA Web page is reporting: "For the last couple of nights there have been many bogus HK0NA spots on the clusters. While there is a limited operation by the advance crew, and thus some of the spots are valid, one or more 'slims' are apparently calling CQ using the HK0NA call." Read the whole press release on the Web page for more details under "Latest News".

I heard from the trip leader, and they may be open to consider 6m EME after January
25. Watch their website for details, including the frequency.
Lance Collister, W7GJ

SOURCE: Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin #1045 & Magic Band EME 6m EME DXpedition Updates

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** Ogasawara, JD1 **

JD1, OGASAWARA. Koji, JI1LET, will once again be active as JI1LET/JD1
from Chichijima Islands (AS-031) between April 29th and May 5th. Activity
will be on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via his home callsign.

SOURCE: Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin #1045

** DEADLINE for your NEWS input to MMMonVHF**

... for your News (pse use: http://www.mmmonvhf.de/newsuser.php)
to the next MMMonVHF Newsletter will be next wednesday 2359 UTC ...

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The VHF-DX-Portal MMMonVHF - Newsletter Credits & Info
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Our Newsletter is compiled from the input of the USERS of the
VHF-DX-Portal MMMonVHF and as well by a lot of free usable
HF-V-U-SHF-Info-Sources (named as SOURCE at the NEWS) and chats
like ON4KST-, RU-VHF-DX-Net, EA-V-U-SHF-Chat, N0UK-Chat and others.

** Many thanks to all our USER who did send us info and news **

Wherever we found the info we always indicate the source of the
info. If you get knowledge of an expedition, which is NOT listed
at our VHF-DX-Portal MMMonVHF or if you have additional info for
an expedition, PLEASE be so kind and send us this info at:

** www.mmmonvhf.de/newsuser.php or www.mmmonvhf.de/contact.php **

The MMMonVHF-Team is always trying to spread any expedition info
as much up-to-date and reliable as possible and as long as the
info does not violate with our MMMonVHF-Policy ...

Have a lot of fun and enjoy the VHF-DX-Portal MMMonVHF!

73 de Lins PA3CMC and Frank, PA4EME
on behalf of the MMMonVHF-Team

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